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The camel at the close of day
Kneels down upon the sandy plain,
To have his burden lifted off
And rest to gain.

My soul, thou too should'st to thy knees,
When daylight draweth to a close,
And let thy Master lift the load
And grant repose.

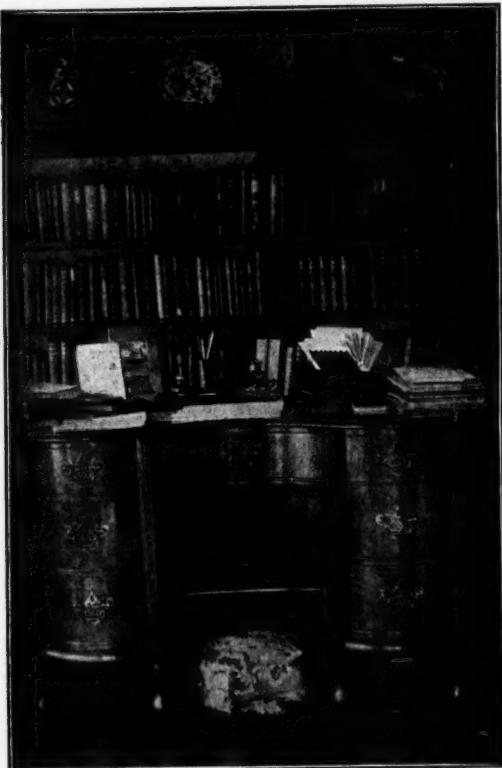
Else how would'st thou tomorrow meet,
With all tomorrow's work to do,
If thou thy burden all the night
Dost carry through.

The camel kneels at break of day
To have his guide replace his load,
Then rises up anew to take
The desert road.

So thou should'st kneel at morning dawn
That God may give thee daily care,
Assured that He no load too great
Will make thee bear.

—Author Unknown.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



All best wishes go out to our friends at Christmas-time, on birthdays and other precious anniversaries which love makes sacred. Why not in August, the month of outings, when, perhaps, soul and body need refreshments more than at any other time of year. Some of us have been, or are going, away to one of those rare places where rest and relaxation may be combined with mental growth and spiritual uplift; some seek the quiet country where God seems to speak with especial clearness through his beautiful works,—or is it that we hear so much better, away from the multiplicity of sounds? Some go where the temptations to unholy think-

ing and un-Christly living are much greater than when at home. May not our lives speak as plainly—if gently—for God and the best things, in the little whiles of relaxation as in the long whiles of activity? Some, also, have no outing at all. May such know the joy of faring forth in spirit to the woods and fields, of being still before God and feeling the influx of power that He alone can give. And shall not we who have the actual outing, tithe our vacation pleasures as we do our incomes, and so make it possible for somebody to get something delightful that she or he could not otherwise have? Wherever you are, dear friend, or whatever you may be doing, may you have the wide outlook and the Spirit-filled life in this outing month of August. . . . An early meeting of the Board of the Woman's Missionary Society was adjourned to August 10, when a series of meetings of the Board will begin at 9.30 in the morning at Curtis Home. These will be opened to friends of the work who are at Ocean Park at the time. . . . Callers at our HELPER Sanctum are

many and will be many more. The New England states, Michigan, New Jersey, Maryland, Alabama and Mexico have already been represented. It is a great pleasure to meet friends of near and far in the editorial home of THE HELPER, to hear the expressions of interest in our magazine and also in the treasures that have found their way here from many lands. Yesterday a lady called who had discontinued her HELPER, because of removal to a distant state where she had united with another denomination. After the call she promptly renewed her subscription, saying that she should be more interested in the magazine than ever before. . . . Carefully note the Mission Study Calendar for 1906-7. Our work for the coming year will be intensely interesting. No greater missionary heroism has ever been displayed than in this Island World. The text-books are now ready, including one for the Juniors, and will be furnished by Mrs. Chapman at the advertised prices. . . . The program about our own Foreign Field, suggested for September, should be carried out with enthusiasm. Make it an *alive* meeting, full of information about the things we all ought and want to know. . . We feel sure that you will be interested in every article in this number. Mrs. Metcalf is one of the trustees of Storer College. She knows and loves its work, so everything that she writes about it is of value. *Storer Record* for July is an especially good number because it records so many signs of progress. We hope to quote some of its significant items in our next number. . . Our Mrs. Ella H. Andrews—to whom all subscriptions should be sent—is taking a needed vacation on a Rhode Island farm. We hope to see her at Ocean Park later. Do not fail to read and heed her request on another page. . . Can anyone tell us who wrote the beautiful poem on the first page and where it was originally printed? . . . Miss Barnes, our children's missionary, has been visiting churches in Iowa. She writes in personal letters, "I am having a pleasant trip. This is a beautiful country. Iowa is a big, rich state. I have been traveling, speaking and visiting constantly. This [Hillsboro] is the twelfth church I have visited and spoken in during the month. There are long journeys between some of them. I have secured some subscribers for THE HELPER, sold copies of Chundra Lela, India handkerchiefs and souvenir post cards. An auxiliary was organized at Dunkerton. The thank offering at Spencer was \$26.20. That is good for the size of the church. I saw Thera B. True of Edgewood. Her daughter Mable is a student volunteer."

HAPPY DAYS AT STORER

Anniversary exercises at Storer College for 1906 are over. The halls are nearly deserted and the campus forsaken.

Sitting upon the porch at Mrs. Lightner's home, with the beautiful Shenandoah before me and the mountains round about, there comes the inspiration to talk with Storer's friends and tell of the many interesting and encouraging things I have seen during my two weeks' visit at Harper's Ferry..

Prof. Anthony has graphically described in the *Morning Star* the scenery about this historic town, and has told of the larger possibilities and needs of the college for the years to come. It is my purpose to note some improvements in detail and show how this home mission field of ours may be served by those who feel they can do but little, yet earnestly desire to do something.

The days which precede anniversary week are busy ones. Teachers are struggling with examination papers, while the pupils carry upon their countenances the evidence of uncertainty as to the result of these labors. The prize speakers and graduates must be drilled and, for a week, it has been a common occurrence to see here and there about the campus, under the shade of friendly trees, pupils practising their recitations and orations with teachers only for an audience.

The classes in the Domestic Science Department are not idle. It is customary for the different classes to serve luncheons and dinners several times during the term and invite the teachers to see the result of their work. It was my privilege to be a guest at one of these luncheons served by the Juniors.

Two young ladies acted as host and hostess and met me at the door, while others served in various ways. The whole affair reflected much credit on the teacher and the young ladies.

The Senior class held a reception for the teachers and Board of Trustees. Here, again, the Domestic Science instruction was in evidence. The refreshments were prepared and served by the class.

Go with me to the sewing room. Here the girls are improving every moment, for anniversary day will soon be here and the graduating dresses must be done.

The pupils in Mrs. Brackett's department are preparing their sketches and paintings for the annual exhibit, and later a large room in Anthony Hall contains these exhibits. Look into the Industrial Building! Here, again, we see the result of patient, systematic work during the year. A large number of new chairs are being finished now. Some of these are for Anthony Hall and others for the rooms in Myrtle and Lincoln Halls.

It was very pleasant to meet and greet the teachers again, and talk with them about their work. The Woman's Missionary Society may feel assured that its representatives at Storer are earnest, devoted workers, and have the confidence of pupils and all connected with the school.

Anniversary exercises began Sunday evening, when Rev. A. W. Anthony, D. D., delivered the Baccalaureate sermon in Curtis Memorial church. The audience was large, in spite of a severe thunder storm, and all listened attentively to a strong sermon from the text, Hebrews 12:11, "Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless *afterward* it yieldeth the peaceable fruits of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."

The words of the speaker made a deep impression upon all, coming as they did from one who has shown his interest in Storer by wise coun-



THE CAMPUS, ANNIVERSARY DAY

sel and material aid. Trustees' meetings were held Monday and Tuesday. Last year, Prof. Anthony was elected President of the Board of Trustees. I need not say that the business at this session was done promptly. Three trustees from the North were present.

The prize speaking exercises in which three classes took part, were held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and were entered into with great zeal. One felt that the prize was not the only incentive, but that the benefit to be derived from such exercises entered into the thought of those who were the participants.

Thursday, anniversary day, was bright and beautiful. The crowds began to come early in the morning and soon the campus was covered with vehicles of every description.

Thirteen received diplomas in the Normal and Industrial Departments.

A feature of the day was the appearance of a new Band organized during the past year. The leader is a Storer graduate and is to be congratulated on his success in this new enterprise.

Friday evening a Cantata was rendered under the direction of Rev. J. R. Wood, the teacher in music. The chorus was especially fine and the whole affair showed great advance in this important branch of study.

Much of my spare time was spent in looking over the rooms in Myrtle and Lincoln Halls, and I am sure those who have been working for the refurnishing of the rooms, will want to hear about them. I noted the neat appearance of the girls' sitting room in Myrtle Hall. The girls raised the money and bought a rug and draperies. The room, as many know, is the home of the Dexter Library. The black walnut bookcase has been well cared for and Rev. Lewis Dexter has recently sent funds to replenish the library.

The room adjoining this is used by the teachers for a sitting room. This was originally furnished by Mrs. Margaret Cook of Lewiston, Me., and now refitted by her. It is an ideal room, and we hope to see all in Myrtle Hall as neat and comfortable as this.

The result of the effort made in refurnishing has been most gratifying. It seemed sometimes that individuals and societies were only waiting to be asked to help. Sufficient money has been received to refurnish the rooms in Myrtle Hall and one-half of those in Lincoln Hall. I received my reward for the work and anxious thought during the year, when I saw, in the basement of Myrtle Hall, the long rows of neat white iron bedsteads, with springs and mattresses, all ready to be put in place as soon as the rooms are kalsomined and mouldings placed.

The year's work has been a blessing to those who have engaged in it, but there are many who have not had a part. Much bedding has been sent, but more will be needed when there are two beds in a room instead of one. I find that white bed spreads are an incentive to students to keep their rooms neat and so I would suggest that when sending bedding, these be added. We hope during the coming years to see Lincoln Hall completely transformed, with new beds, curtains at the windows and other improvements so much needed.

We must thank all who have so generously responded to the call. I am sure an interest has been awakened in Storer, which will manifest itself in years to come by continued gifts.

ALICE M. METCALF.

The editor had the privilege and delight of attending the New Hampshire Yearly Meeting, of which much might be written. The large audiences, the enthusiasm of the workers and the good-fellowship manifested, were all inspirational and helpful. The afternoon devoted to the Woman's Missionary Society proved the New Hampshire women to be very much alive under the loving, effective leadership of the President, Mrs. Sanborn, who is a niece of our missionary, Mrs. Dorcas Smith, of beloved memory.

***OUR BROWN BABIES**

BY SHIRLEY H. SMITH, M. D.

Brown babies in India, like white babies in America, get over being babies after awhile, so the babies I am to tell you about today are not at all the same brown babies I used to write about a few years ago, but they

**MISS DAWSON AND THE SINCLAIR ORPHANAGE BABIES**

are just as dear. Rani, Jennie and Josomoni are so big now they go every day to Kindergarten and have lost their baby ways.

A short time before Miss Dawson went to see her mother in Australia, she coaxed me to take a photograph of herself and our babies and I am sending it to you today. That is Elsie standing close by Miss Dawson. She is a little more than three years old and has been Miss Daw-

*Achama is supported by the Junior C. E. Soc., Elmwood Ave., Church, Providence, R. I.; Preaballa, by the Primary and Intermediate Departments of S. S. Portland, Me.; Rajballa by the Starbird Fund; Elsie by Miss Dawson and Miss Barnes.

son's special pet since she came here, a tiny baby of six months. You will notice that her mouth looks a little blurred, but that is because we could not keep her quiet long enough to get a good picture. She was saying, "Mamma, I want to kiss Raja," "No, you keep still, and kiss Raja some other time." "Well, then, I want to baptize Prea." "No, you can't baptize Prea now." [She had seen a good many baptisms in the last few weeks and while things were being prepared for the picture she was playing baptize Prea and Rajballa.] Then she would say, "Then I want to lie in your lap." Do you wonder we didn't get a clear picture?

Rajballa sits beside Miss Dawson and Preaballa at her feet. By the time the others were ready they had lost interest in me and my camera and were playing with some flowers they had picked. Rajballa is about three years old and has been here about six months. Prea is not quite two but has been here a year. When Raja came it was almost touching to see her "seeking for love," as one of the women put it. When the other babies were being petted, she stood and looked on and seemed to realize it was love they were getting. In a few days the shyness wore off, but never, until special encouragement was given, would she put herself forward for her share of petting. She is a happy little thing. If there is no one to play with she makes play for herself. Prea is a delicate child but is a dear little thing. She has learned to say some words and the girls have taught her to call me Mamma, for they said, "Elsie is Miss Dawson's baby, so Prea should be yours."

But the one who would be most interesting to any one—except, perhaps, Miss Dawson—is little Achama in the native woman's arms. She is, I am afraid, a spoiled baby, for she has been taken care of since a month old by my syce and his wife, who are childless. She rules the house and is not long happy anywhere except in the arms of her foster mother or father. That was why we had to have the woman in the picture. We tried it without but the effort was not successful and we were obliged to do as the baby dictated. She is now nine months old and as jolly as you please. She has been very sick but is better again now.

She is not now our youngest baby for a little stranger came to us last Saturday. Dr. Mary brought her down from Midnapore. Her Hindu mother had very recently died. She is almost too small to have her picture taken, for though she is two and a half months old she weighs only four and a half pounds. But she seems to be thriving. I have given her to a woman to look after until she is old enough to be cared for by some of our older girls. Don't you envy us our babies?

Sinclair Orphanage, Balasore, India.

CRADLE ROLL PARTIES

Your Secretary wishes to thank all who have so kindly responded to the request for C. R. items and suggestions for Rallies. Many are planning to hold Autumn Rallies, so if you weren't able to have yours this summer, there will still be ample time when this reaches you. If you have no Cradle Roll in your church, have a party for the babies at least, introduce as many of the Rally Day features as seem best and organize a Roll if possible. Here is an account of an Autumn Rally:

The Steep Falls, Me., Cradle Roll has 24 members. Last year, owing to the prevalence of whooping cough through the summer, we were unable to have a Rally Day for the babies until October, but were favored with a delightful Indian summer afternoon. We met in a large hall, which was decorated with flags, bunting and Autumn foliage. Stands, chairs and a large rug were brought to make it look homelike. Many toys were also brought for the children, and they spent the first part of the afternoon playing with them, and were too busy to even think of crying. One feature of the afternoon was the weighing of the babies. Every baby but one was weighed; he was a shy little fellow who clung close to his Mamma but seemed to enjoy watching the other children play. A short program was carried out, which included: Prayer, Scripture Reading, Mark 10:13-16, Lullaby, Talk to Mothers, Talk on C. R. Work, Song and Recitations by the older children. Refreshments were served. The offering from the mite boxes amounted to about \$5. Our Cradle Roll is a department of our W. M. S. work, and is also connected with the Sunday School. The offering goes to the children in Sinclair Orphanage; the children are recognized as members of the S. S. upon joining the Cradle Roll, and the S. S. appropriates money for birthday cards and Christmas remembrances.

Sincerely,

MRS. ORVILLE J. GUPTILL, Supt.

Mrs. Mary L. Tinkham, Supt. of the Carolina, R. I., Roll, entertained the Rally at her home June 26. She varied the usual program by having several of the Mothers give readings on different phases of C. R. work, and the 687 pennies were collected by one of the little tots. Twenty children and as many Mothers were present. The Pawtucket Advanced Light Bearers held their Rally June 2, while the Little Light Bearers met June 23. Number of A. L. B.'s enrolled 30, number of L. L. B.'s 61; total, 91.

Pond St. Church, Providence, R. I.

We held our C. R. day at my home June 20. It was a very pleasant day and our party numbered sixty, including Mothers and little tots. We have no W. M. S., so our C. R. is in connection with our S. S., but the money is paid to Mrs. Ricker, State Treasurer W. M. S., to be used for the L. L. B.'s work. We have no A. L. B.'s, as the children are enrolled in the Beginners' Department at four years of age. The missionary spirit is still fostered, however, as the children's pennies given the first Sunday in every month, go for the education of a little boy in Africa. Our S. S. pays \$25 a year for this work.

On C. R. day, we had a half hour's service with the parents:— Scripture Reading and Prayer by the Supt., Welcome from the Pastor, then a short talk by Miss Jackson on "The Other End of the Cradle Roll, i. e., The Home Department." It was very interesting and we secured a number of names for that Dep't. After the program we went out of doors. Games were played; refreshments were served and, as the babies left, each was given a half pound cradle box containing animal crackers. We have 26 enrolled, 3 having been taken away by death. The offering was \$3.50, but I expect a little more.

You may be interested to know how our expenses are met. The S. S. pays for everything from Birthday cards to refreshments, and only asks that every teacher and officer in the school be asked to come on C. R. Day.

Yours heartily in C. R. work,

ANNABELLE F. HALL.

Mrs. Hall has been our efficient State C. R. Sec., and while holding that office wrote to each Supt. in June in regard to their Rallies, and asked them to send in their reports as soon as they had held the Rallies. In that way her own report was ready whenever the General Secretary asked for it. In her local Roll she does not use the regular Enrollment Card, but has one printed which bears the picture of one of their C. R. babies.

The idea of combining the W. M. S. and S. S. Cradle Rolls seems to be growing in favor; it certainly is with me. The S. S. has no great need of the pennies, but it should have a hold on the babies. Superintendents will be interested in the article, "The Three Brownies," in the July HELPER, because Jennie is one of our four Cradle Roll wards. Souvenir postal cards bearing the picture of the three can be obtained from Mrs. Whitcomb. In the picture of older girls, opposite this same article,

is Beju, whose conversion Miss Dawson told us about in the May number. With best wishes for the outing season,

JULIA TURNER MITCHELL.

WELCOME.

Dorothy Chase, Kibbie, Mich.

Leon Griswold Milliken, Old Orchard, Me.

Marion Louise Grow, Minneapolis, Minn.

Farmington, N. H., has a new Roll with Mrs. L. H. Winslow as Sup't. They began with two but expected to have 10 or 12 in a short time.

Amesbury, Mass., has had no roll for three or four years, but has now organized a new one. Mrs. E. N. Lamprey is the Sup't.

Mrs. M. E. Scribner reports a new Roll at Melvin Village, N. H., and writes: "My C. R. here now numbers seven with more to follow, I hope. We have only one baby, whose Mother is a member of this church; the babies nearly all belong to the non-church goers, and so it is all new and unknown to them and we have to move slowly. But I hope in this way to get the parents interested in religious things."

Mrs. Ethel Merrill Dinsmore, Laconia, N. H., writes: "June 2. Next Friday is our C. R. Rally Day. At that time I want to introduce the Advanced Light Bearers into our church. I am not acquainted with the work of the A. L. B.'s, but feel that God has laid it on my heart to have one in our church. June 12. We organized the A. L. B.'s, enrolled 14 and still have more to go in. Please send me 18 more Enrollment Cards. I am anxious about this work and for three nights I just dreamed about it."

"At last I am able to announce the organization of a Cradle Roll in the Hudson St. F. B. church, Buffalo, N. Y. On Tuesday afternoon, June 19, twelve little ones accepted the invitation to 'my party,' ranging in age from three and a half years to six weeks. Several others will become members of the Roll who were not able to attend that day, one a tiny mite only a week old today. I need not say it was a delightful afternoon, for when do you get babies, and their mothers, and aunties together and not have a delightful time. We had frolics with the little ones, marching for those old enough, and music all the time. A table with the tiny chairs around it was all ready for the little tots when the time came for refreshments, and let me say, those who had been a trifle bashful, and hovered near the mother's chair during the afternoon, were among the first at the table. I would like to organize a C. R. in the Second church here if you will send me whatever you have for helps. There may be other churches in the State I can reach later. Our Sup't. is Mrs. Richard Johnson.

Very sincerely yours,

MRS. ALBERT JEFFERSON.

TEN ORPHANAGE GIRLS

Since the picture appeared, in the July HELPER, of the ten girls in Sinclair Orphanage who have been baptised since the first of January, the following sketch has been received from Miss Dawson. Please note that the last two names printed beneath the picture should be "Naomi" and "Shanti." The workers in America who support these children in India will be especially interested in their story.—*Editor.*

Beraj is the daughter of a Christian of Jellesore who died some time ago. He was ailing for years before he died, so was unable to provide for the support of his children. Beraj was taken into the Orphanage to save her from starvation. She has never given any special trouble, but has been obedient and tried to help in any way she could. She gave her heart to the Lord during the special meetings held in January and of her own free will applied for baptism.

Beju is an orphan who was adopted by a woman in the Christian community, who afterwards found herself unable to support her. In some way the Catholics got hold of her, but she was rescued from them and placed in the Orphanage. Before her conversion she was a trial, in many ways. She was lazy and would descend to all manner of deceitful acts to keep out of school because she did not want to study. She could get up a bad pain on the shortest possible notice, and to an observer would appear to be in dreadful agony. When she applied for baptism we felt she needed special testing. Her life seemed changed, and when asked how she knew she had obtained salvation she replied, "Because my heart is changed. I have often been disobedient and lazy, but now by the Holy Spirit's help I try not to be, and I hate the sins I once committed. I feel the Lord Jesus' presence with me all the time and I want to be like Him."

Podmonie is a famine child. She was rescued from the famine of 1900. She is quiet and obedient, and gave a bright testimony of her faith in Jesus.

Naomi is also a famine child. She has never been very strong. Sometimes we have wondered would she ever live to be a woman. She has seemed much better the last few months. Often when she has been ill I have heard her talking to the Lord and telling Him all about it, just as she would to any earthly friend. Her great desire is to go and tell her own people of the Saviour.

Shanti had been an inquirer for some months before she really decided. She is the daughter of Christian parents. Her mother is dead and for many reasons it was thought best she should come into the Or-

phanage. She takes great interest in Bible study. One day she said to me, "Miss Baba, I never knew there were so many beautiful passages in the Bible. Why, there is something for everything!"

Kumadini is the sister of Lorat and Kamini Jena. She is an orphan. her mother was a woman no one could live with. Her tongue was a weapon she used very freely. Kumadini has sometimes shown signs of developing this trait, but now she says, "Pray for me that I may be able to control it."

Luinie is one of the naturally good ones, always sweet and smiling. Conversion seemed to make scarcely any difference except to give an added sweetness and gentleness. I have never known her to be really disobedient. She takes great interest in Bible study and her prayers are always helpful.

Kenari is the daughter of Christian people in Metapur. She is diligent in study and gives no trouble in school. Rutni said once, "Whoever reads or does not read her Bible, Kenari always does. I often find her seated with her Bible at five o'clock in the morning, for she says that is the only time she can be sure of being uninterrupted."

Umbeka was born right out in the jungle. Her parents were of the robber caste. One wonders how so good a flower can come from such a corrupt tree. She was an inquirer for nearly a year before she applied for baptism. Her great desire is to act and live always as a true Christian should.

Inda is a girl with a very bad heritage. Her mother was one who strayed very far from the right. This made us doubly glad when she decided for the Lord, for only in His strength can she stand against the evil around and in her own heart. She needs our special prayers that she may be kept, moment by moment.

These girls, all of them, are very fair samples of our Orphanage children. Will all who look at their picture and read this brief description, pray that they may be kept steadfast and that all the others who have not yet confessed Jesus may be led to do so?

M. E. DAWSON.

WHERE TO SEND MISSIONARY BOXES

All mission boxes, prepared in response to the call in the *HELPER*, to go to India when Miss Barnes returns in the fall, should be sent, express prepaid, to

MISS ANNIE BROOKS,

64 Atlantic St., Portland, Maine.

Fifty cents per cubic foot, to pay for the carriage of the boxes to India should be sent to our treasurer,

MISS DEMERITTE, Ocean Park, Maine.

SIGNS OF GROWTH IN OUR INDIA WORK

BY REV. M. J. COLDREN.

I have only a few moments to devote to your request; but first of all I wish to write, plainly and distinctly, one sentence, if you cannot read any more: There has been a decided advancement in the work in our field during the past ten years. Perhaps we have not made the gain numerically which we had the right to expect, but there has been an accumulative force at work, and the blessed revival at Balasore would have been well nigh impossible ten years ago. My own men are in a better condition for work than they have ever been before. The spirit of revival is among the people. Recently a brother came to me and said: "The Lord talked with me last night," and I—somewhat discerning what he might say, as he had been a subject of prayer—asked how the Lord talked to him, in English, Bengali or Oriya? He promptly replied, "In Oriya." Then I said, "You cannot be mistaken, had He talked with you in English, you might have had some doubt." He said, "There is no longer any doubt. I have had a distinct call to the ministry, and since I yielded my heart and told Him I would obey, my whole being is filled with joy. I have come to tell you that I resign my position in the school and wish to start for the Bible school next month."

We had a meeting last night which made sinners tremble and by the simple testimony of our Indian brothers to what the Lord had done for them. Brother Appana spoke and his face lit up with a glory I had never seen in him before. The people were amazed at the power of his words. Such a scene and such power, manifest by these men, would have been impossible ten years ago, as they were then. We are to see a mighty work of grace in Orissa very soon, I believe.

There has been an increase of 520 pupils in the day schools—100 of whom was Christian increase; a gain of 1,510 children in the Sunday schools; 5 churches and 312 members, and the past years has had by far the greatest increase in benevolence. Nearly every member in this church gives one-tenth of his income, and in addition to this, many in the mission have given one month's salary to help relieve the Parent Board of financial distress. If the people at home had given proportionately as much as our Indian people have given, the Board would have been placed in a position of plenty for the next ten years.

The best of all is the feeling of personal responsibility for the redemption of India. Until within the last decade the Mission has been looked upon as a great loving mother whose duty it was to give employment; at least, to give pay, whether employed or not. But our better men are feeling that India must be redeemed by India's service and money, and a spirit of holy pride is taking possession of some of the leaders not to be dependent on foreign help. While the amount of money contributed

is not large, yet in comparison with membership and wealth, the Indian churches are doing fully as well as the churches at home. I would not be afraid to guarantee that the church here will give as much per income, for 1906, as any church I know at home, except Fidelity church of Cleveland, Ohio.

To summarize: There has been gratifying increase in church membership, Sunday schools, Christian communities, day schools, numbers who faithfully tithe, Hindu and Mohammedan communities in favor of Christianity, knowledge of the Bible both among our Christian families and among the heathen, Christian Endeavor work, an increase of spirituality among the missionaries, teachers and churches, and a more general belief that Jesus is soon coming to redeem India.

Chandbali, Orissa, India.

THE NEXT YEAR IN YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

BY HARRY S. MYERS, GENERAL SECRETARY.

The past few years have shown some great changes in Young People's work. The number of societies in our Free Baptist churches has not materially changed during the past four years. We have organized an average of about one society every week for the last three years, and these have just about offset the number of societies that have ceased active work. The membership, therefore, has changed but very little, and still remains about seventeen thousand, where it has been during all of the past five years.

While the Young People's work in one part of a given state has been flourishing, it has been almost the exact opposite in another part of the same state; hence it is only when we are permitted to have a general view that we can see the real status of Young People's work.

The quality of our Young People's membership has certainly increased; not that we have any better members than we had a dozen years ago, but that the average membership is keeping the pledge in a better way, has a better idea of the purposes of the Young People's Society, is more interested in the real accomplishment of Young People's work, and is taking a real, strong interest in all things connected with active religious work.

I realize that this statement is not true for every society, but my observation and correspondence lead me to think that it is true for the Young People's Societies as a whole.

One of the ways in which this fact is manifested is in the study of the Bible. A large number of Young People, even those in their teens, are slipping away by themselves, nearly every day, and are there to study the Bible. This habit of being alone in study and prayer, is giving their lives a poise and real power, that is far superior to their old lives, even though in many instances it does not exhibit itself in so open a manner

as is true of some other people. Those members of our Young People's Societies who are in the Sunday schools are actually getting a better grasp on that part of the Bible which is contained in the Sunday school lessons, and this is, undoubtedly, coming as a result of the growing conviction among young people that the Bible is the book which discloses not only the way to personal salvation, but also the way in which a Christian should live.

The emphasis upon Christian living that is now being made among Young People has led a good many of them to look at the Christian life from a different standpoint than they formerly did.

During the past year we have had more Young People enrolled in mission study than in all the previous years of the denomination together; I mean, that the number of those regularly enrolled in class work actually studying a text book was larger during the past 12 months than in the preceding 100 years, and the arrangements that are now being completed for the organization of classes during the next two months, indicates a larger enrollment in the coming year than during the past year. This is, certainly, one of the most hopeful things that we could possibly find in our denominational work. The Exhibit at Nashville showed that the per cent of increase in our mission study classes was larger than in any other denomination.

The distribution of literature has been larger in the past year, and the calls for literature show an intelligent increase in the kind of literature that will be helpful. It was only a year or two ago that many of our Young People had no idea of the kind of literature that they needed; they did not know enough about some phases of missionary work to ask intelligently for the help that they needed. I am glad that this is changing and that our literature department has rapidly grown.

The lives of our Young People are being offered for God's work. Several during the past year have volunteered to become Foreign Missionaries, if God will permit, and several others have actually entered some phase of religious work, or have shown a new and increased activity that must be as pleasing to the Master as it is helpful to the human agencies. It seems to me that this offering of a life is a rare exhibition of the consecration and spirit of our Free Baptist Young People.

The gifts made by Young People for the extension of Gospel work, as measured in dollars, were about the same during the past year as during the preceding years. While there has been a marked falling off in one place in particular, there has been a large increase in several other places. I believe that a new spirit has been infused into the Young People's Missionary work in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Central Association, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota, and indications are that this same spirit that has been so marked in those states is to be found in every one of the other states, either in a much smaller degree, or else scattered here and there in the individual churches.

Our great need at the present time is money. A well known friend

of mine said to me the other day as we were riding together on the train: "Men are the great need. If we could get men, we could get money." I have thought of that a great deal, for it was only two nights before that, in speaking at one of our Yearly Meetings, I had stated that in our denomination it "seemed easier to get the men than it did to get the money." Our work in both our foreign and home fields has grown so much more rapidly in the past two or three years than our contributions have grown, that we are now facing another Foreign Mission deficit, and are saved from facing a home mission deficit by a special bequest.

The contributions made by the Young People, however, have grown more rapidly in the last ten years than have the contributions of the denomination as a whole. I have been interested in going quite extensively into the contributions of New Hampshire and noticing that the contributions of the state, as a whole, have not increased nearly as rapidly in the past ten years as have the contributions credited to the Young People's Societies. Of course a part of this is due to the fact that contributions formerly credited to the church are now credited to the Young People's Societies, but that does not account for all of the increase.

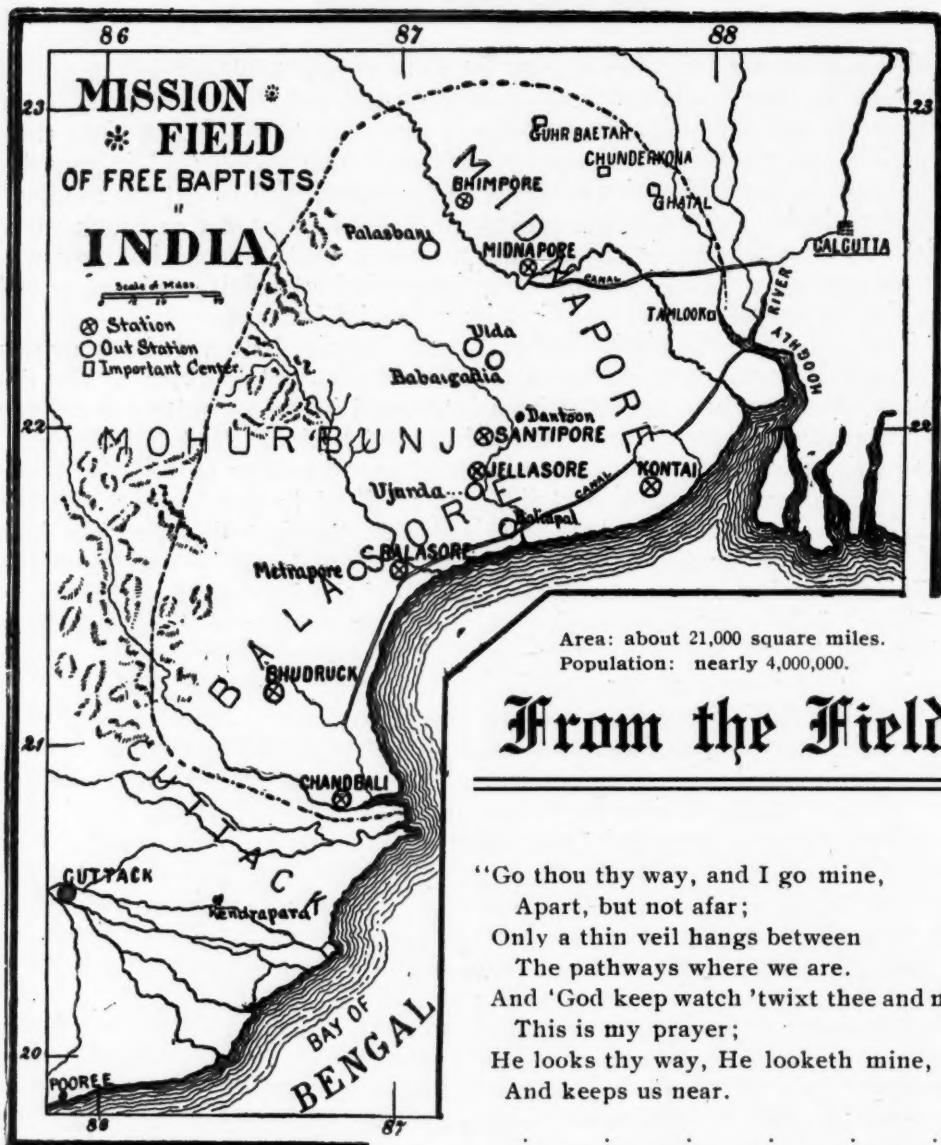
One of the most encouraging things in connection with Young People's work is, the increase in the number of conversions among Young People. This cannot all be credited to the Young People's Societies, but the fact that the Young People's movement has been connected with this increase in a number of communities, and that many of us who have been officially identified with the Young People's movement have been instruments in the hands of God, in this evangelistic work, is, to my mind, evidence that He has prepared us to accomplish some of these things.

It is too early to give the exact report for the year ending June 30th last, but it will be given in the *Morning Star* within a few weeks, and will indicate that not less than 500 people connected with our Young People's Societies have actually been brought into church membership during the past year.

The development of missionary work in the Sunday school has fallen very naturally, as it should, into the hands of the Young People's department, and, whereas, six years ago you could count on your fingers the Sunday schools that were doing any regular mission work, at the present time there are over 100 Sunday schools that are giving definite missionary instructions and making regular missionary contributions for the missionary work of our own denomination and this number ought to be increased at least eight-fold within the next two years.

It seems to me that these few facts concerning the leading of God in these past few years ought to be an indication to us that He has much for us yet to do, and no matter into what field or in what way He may lead us in the next few years, we ought, every one of us, to be daily in that position where we can hear the leading of the "still small voice" and follow in any direction that may be indicated.

Hillsdale, Mich.



"Go thou thy way, and I go mine,
Apart, but not afar;
Only a thin veil hangs between
The pathways where we are.
And 'God keep watch 'twixt thee and me,'
This is my prayer;
He looks thy way, He looketh mine,
And keeps us near.

"And though our paths be separate,
And thy way is not mine,
Yet, coming to the mercy seat,
My soul will meet with thine.
And 'God keep watch 'twixt thee and me,'
I'll whisper there;
He blesseth thee, He blesseth me,
And we are near."

A TOWN AND PRIMARY SCHOOL IN INDIA*

BY ELLA M. BUTTS

The Town and Primary school supported by Mr. Stillwell of South Dakota, is about six miles from our mission premises in Midnapore, on the old carriage road to Calcutta. Years ago our missionaries went to Calcutta by that road, in palankin carried by relays of coolies. Later we came and went by canal steamer, and now we go and come by rail. Even the East is progressing, you see. In this school there are, at present, thirty boys—fifteen Hindus and fifteen Musselmans. The teacher is a Hindu of the Brahmin caste. While this is the priestly caste, all Brahmins do not become priests. They are Government officials, judges, lawyers, doctors, teachers, clerks in all departments, merchants and even farmers, though in that occupation they do not put their own hands to the plow and hoe; they employ coolies, or low caste men, to do most of the manual labor. A Brahmin may beg without dishonor, but he must not do any kind of coolie work.

This teacher's wife died a year ago, and about a month ago he was to be married again but suddenly the father of the girl died and the marriage had to be delayed a whole year, until all the *post mortem* ceremonies for the deceased father shall have been performed. As the bride-elect is only twelve years old, she is no doubt glad of another year of comparative freedom. The man is at least forty and has three children, the youngest only three years old. Should he or any Hindu widower—except among some very low castes—or one much older, with married children and grandchildren, as well as little children, wish to marry a woman of mature age, able to care for his house and family, he would be outcasted should he follow his inclination and judgment, by so doing. This is one of the evils resulting from the rigid Hindu law that widows shall not remarry, for there are no single women of mature years except widows; consequently, men must always marry for their second, third or fourth wives, little girls not over thirteen, at most, and seldom more than eleven or twelve. It is a most cruel and senseless custom. Many a man would be only too glad to marry a respectable widow who could manage his household properly, but he dares not face the social ostracism which would inevitably result. We read of a few progressive men of means who have defied this law and married widows, the marriage ceremony being performed by a Government registrar—a civil marriage, according to English law. Of course, no Hindu priest would have anything to do with such a marriage. There are hundreds of men who have spent from two to six, or more years in England, taking various degrees at Oxford and Cambridge, and have returned to India as barristers or doctors, or to enter the civil service, and still they have not the courage to wholly break away from all their old social and caste customs, and

*These schools were formerly known as "Ragged Schools" and were started by Mrs Mary R Philips

this one in regard to the marrying a widow is one of the strongest of these caste fitters.

But to return to the school. You may naturally question the advisability of using mission money to help support schools taught by Hindu teachers. If you have read the annual reports of these schools you have learned how they are managed. In no case is a school, taught by a Hindu, *wholly* supported by the mission. The rule is that the villagers must agree to pay the teacher at least a sum equal to that given by the mission. This teacher is better qualified than the average teachers of village schools and receives about three dollars a month from the villagers, the larger part of this amount being given by two leading men of the place. Besides this, he receives his food, in part, at least, and certain presents, or perquisites, from time to time. It would not be the best thing for the people, in most cases, to give them the entire support of a school. They must learn to help themselves; and they would not, in most cases, pay money to a Christian man to teach their school, nor would they give him food. Then there are other reasons why we cannot send young Christian men into Hindu villages; and if a man with a family were to be sent to teach such a school, the mission would have to build a house for them to live in, send a second family to keep them company, and pay all the expenses. This is what is done when a new mission out-station is opened. Two families are sent together for mutual help and encouragement. A Christian alone among Hindus is liable to find himself in dire distress. If attacked by cholera he would almost surely be left to die, without any attempt to help him in any way. If suffering from ague or malarial fever, or any other disease, he might not be able to get any one to even give him a drink of water, much less to cook a little sago or barley gruel. Consequently our Christian people are very loath to go off alone to stay in a Hindu village.

At an out-station only fifteen miles from Midnapore, one of the men left for a few days to look after some land he owned in another part of the District. While he was gone his wife died very suddenly, not of any contagious disease. The Christian young man, who with his wife was living at the same place, had to bury the woman alone. A Mohammedan did help dig the grave, but would not help lift the body which was very heavy. It had to be dragged to the grave and rolled into it. Were a Christian to die quite alone in such a place, the body would be dragged off by the sweepers—very low caste people—and left for the jackals and vultures to dispose of. Any friendless Hindu or Mohammedan, quite alone and unknown, would be treated in a similar manner.

Our Christians often have much difficulty to get food when traveling or spending a day or two in any place where they have no friends. At all large railway stations there are little houses, or stalls, where eatables are sold. If a Christian wants to buy a few *price* worth of lunch to take away in a bit of paper, or usually in leaves pinned together, no questions

are asked. But if he wants a meal of rice and fish, or any other accompaniment, before he is given a place to sit he is asked, "What is your caste?" If he replies, "I am a Christian," he may be refused utterly, or he may be told to sit outside by himself, which very likely would mean that he must sit by the roadside near the gutter, in sight of all passersby, a mark of ridicule. They generally prefer to go hungry rather than to submit to such treatment. Weak Christians are often tempted to deny their Lord under such circumstances. They have only to mention the name of the caste to which, as Hindus, they or their parents belonged, to be treated with respect.

(*To be concluded.*)

AMBALA CANTONMENT

This place being near the hills, is a healthy place, although it is subject to the two extremes of heat and cold. It being a centre of the railway lines, almost all kinds of things are available with higher or lower prices. At this big cantonment among the Zenanas there are only three workers, two natives and one European. The native Christian women do not dress like us, but they put on skirt and jackets with a *chadar* over their heads.

We are in the American Presbyterian Mission and there being other churches here we have not a large congregation.

I was grieved to see that there was no Sunday school here. Of course, as I did not know the language I could not do anything; but this year we have managed to start one. At present the number of pupils of my class is 22, and almost every Sunday new ones are coming. I delight to teach them with my broken Hindustani. They remember the lessons very well and it gives me pleasure to hear them repeat the old lesson the following Sunday. They have learned four children's hymns.

Also in last April we have started a women's meeting as there was none in this place, of which I am the treasurer. The women take delight to come to the meetings and contribute according to their ability. I hope and pray that the members of this meeting will increase in future. Pray for me that wherever I may be in this world, as long as the Lord spares me, I may be of some use for Him.

"Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine
Nor ever murmur nor repine—
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me."

RACHEL BOSE.

Ambala Cant't., Punjab, India.

TREASURER'S NOTES

The Thank-offering work of your treasurer ended with the last Sabbath in June. Since my last notes were written I have attended these offerings at West Falmouth and Wells Branch, Maine, and Manchester, N. H. There is an auxiliary in each of these places and they are doing good work. Also I was at the yearly meeting in New Hampshire, which was held in Dover. There was a large attendance at the business meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society, on Tuesday afternoon, June 19. The reports were very encouraging, and the receipts for the year were unusually large, amounting to about \$4,200; of this \$2,500 being from the Sinclair estate for the Sinking Fund. While at this yearly meeting a lady well known in a certain quarterly meeting in the State, slipped into my hand a small envelope, which, on opening, was found to contain \$100. The F. B. W. M. S. has had occasion to be very grateful for these personal gifts many times, for without them, its work would be sadly crippled.

Mr. Moses B. Smith of Concord, N. H., brother-in-law of our Mrs. Porter, died about two years ago, leaving a will in which our society was remembered. At the present time we receive a yearly income from the estate, and, some time there will be a large bequest for a permanent fund. Let us not lose sight of that \$100,000 for which some have been praying; every bequest for the fund helps to make it a reality. Mr. Smith has shown his friendship for the W. M. S. in the past, and his will associates it with the F. B. church in Concord, and Storer college, in his benefactories.

The receipts for June have been very satisfactory, due largely to the Thank-offerings. These by States from Sept. to July 1 are as follows: New Hampshire, \$383.98; Maine, \$376.39; Rhode Island, \$174.76; Massachusetts, \$75; Minnesota, \$73.79; Michigan, 61.76; New York, \$50; Iowa, \$47.59; Vermont, \$24.12; Nova Scotia, \$11; Connecticut, \$10; Illinois, \$10; Province of Quebec, \$10; Kansas, \$5.50; California, \$5.50; Ohio, Missouri, South Dakota, District of Columbia, each, \$5; Maryland, \$3; Wisconsin, \$2; Pennsylvania, \$1. Total, \$1,345.39, which is a little more than to the same time last year. The two largest offerings to date are: Pawtucket, R. I., \$62, and Laconia, N. H., \$40.67. There are several between thirty and forty dollars, and between twenty and thirty.

The month of August will be a very busy one at Ocean Park. There will be the usual "Woman's Convention," of which this MISSIONARY HELPER gives the program on the fourth page of the cover. It is hoped that women, who can, will arrange to be at Ocean Park during these days—August 16 to 19. The "Missionary Field Day" is August 17, and the auxiliaries in the vicinity are especially invited to be present. It is expected that several missionaries will take part in the missionary conference. Then there are the Board meetings of the F. B. W. M. S., which will probably begin August 10, and continue several mornings, and the Conference Board which begins Tuesday afternoon, August 21. All the

meetings of both boards, save executive sessions, are open to the friends of denominational work. Grave matters are pending in both Boards, and in which we are all concerned. Let us interest ourselves in them with prayerful hearts.

Do you realize, friends, that this is my last opportunity to appeal for money for the present financial year of the society? Time just flies! It seems only a few weeks ago that the 32nd closed, and now the 33rd ends with August 31, and what will be the financial record? Money has come into the treasury, for the last two months, as well as it did last year at the same time, and so we may reasonably hope the receipts for the year, including bequests, will be larger even than they were last year. But the usual care must be taken to remit from the local auxiliary treasuries all funds in hand, including Thank-offerings, and all pledges for salaries of missionaries, support of teachers and schools must be paid. *Don't forget August 31.*

In the Quiet Hour of ten o'clock let us remember the closing work of the year, asking that we may be made fit for God to use us for large service, and remember, too, the Summer Board meetings to which I have referred, that wisdom may be given us all. Oh, we need it in these days, as a Free Baptist denomination. Surely, God will direct our steps just in proportion as we commit our ways to Him.

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, Treasurer.

Ocean Park, Me.

(All money orders should be made payable at Dover, N. H.)

GENERAL SUBSCRIPTION AGENT'S NOTES

As the result of the activity of the Quarterly Meeting Agent at a recent session of Hillsdale, Mich., Quarterly Meeting, a list of fourteen new subscribers for the *HELPER* has been received. Also several other new names have come from Michigan.

All State Agents have been asked to unite in an effort to add one hundred new names to our subscription list before September first. Michigan will send its share, but what is being done in other states? Some responses have been received, but more are looked for. Improve the opportunities of Quarterly Meeting and other gatherings. Look after the churches where no copies are now taken. Five *HELPERS* are now taken in one small country church where there were no subscribers until the newly settled pastor's wife began to agitate the question of an Auxiliary and *HELPER* subscriptions. There are other such opportunities open to those who have eyes to see them. Send subscriptions to Ella H. Andrews, Providence, R. I.

Helps for Monthly Meetings

"With knowledge to supply the fuel, the Word and Spirit to add the spark, and prayer to fan the flame, missionary fires will be kindled, and souls will be set ablaze with holy zeal."



SEPTEMBER—Free Baptist Foreign Missions

Use me, O God, in Thy great harvest-field
Which stretcheth far and wide, like a wide sea.
The gatherers are so few, I fear the precious yield
Will suffer loss. Oh, find a place for me:

A place where best the strength I have will tell.
It may be one the other toilers shun; Be it a wide or narrow place, 'tis well, So that the work it holds be only done.

—Christina Rossetti.

Suggestive Program

SINGING—"Ho! Reapers of Life's Harvest."

BIBLE READING—Facts about Christians:

Kinsmen; Matt. 23:9. Mark 3:35.

Food; John 6:27. Rev. 7:17

Clothing; Zech. 3:4

Dwelling Place; Psa. 91:1. Psa. 23:6.

Occupation; John 9:4.

PRAYER.

SINGING—"The Call for Reapers."

ROLL CALL—Respond with some item of interest from the field, gleaned from recent numbers of *HELPER*, *Star*, or from letters.

MAP EXERCISE—Show where our field is located; give area and population; state the character of the country; means of communication; point out the different stations. (An up-to-date map of the F. B. Mission Field can be obtained of Rev. Arthur Given, Providence, R. I., for \$1.00. If that is out of the question, enlarge the *HELPER* map on cardboard or blackboard. Items of interest for this exercise can be found in the leaflet, "A Free

Baptist Foreign Mission Catechism," by Rev. G. H. Hamlen.
It will be furnished by either Dr. Given or Mrs. Chapman.)

SNAP SHOTS AT OUR INDIA STATIONS—Five minute papers or talks on Balasore, Midnapore, Chandbali, Santipore, Bhimpore, Kharagpur and Bhadrak, telling of the missionaries and special work at each. (See Year Book for 1906. Price 20 cents. Send to Dr. Given. Refer also to the annual Report Number—December—of the *HELPER*.)

SIGNS OF GROWTH AND NOTES OF ENCOURAGEMENT—Paper or talk (See articles in this number; also March *HELPER*, page 77; July, page 202.)

Prayer for our India field, our missionaries and native workers.

SINGING—"To the Work."

NOTE—Refer to the F. B. Cyclopaedia and Missionary Reminiscences for valuable information about the beginnings of our foreign work. Leaflets explaining special phases of W. M. S work and the stories of the lives of several missionaries can be obtained of Mrs. A. D. Chapman, 12 Prescott St., Lewiston, Me. Write her just what you want and she will give you the prices.

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"There's a voice divinely sweet
Calls to-day
'Will you let these little feet
Stray away?'
Let the lambs be homeward led,
And of you it shall be said:
'You have done it faithfully
Unto me.' "

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If you will let him walk with you in your streets, sit with you in offices, and be with you in your homes, and teach you in your churches and abide with you as the living presence in your hearts, you, too, shall know what freedom is, and while you do your duties, be above your duties; and while you own yourselves the sons of men, know you are the sons of God.—*Phillips Brooks*.

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What is defeat? Nothing but education, nothing but the first step to something better.—*Wendell Phillips*.

THE MISSIONARY HELPER BRANCH
OF THE
International Sunshine Society

Have you had a kindness shown?

Pass it on.

'Twas not given for you alone—

Pass it on.

Let it travel down the years,

Let it wipe another's tears,

Till in heaven the deed appears,

Pass it on.

ALL letters, packages, or inquiries concerning this page, or Sunshine work, should be addressed to Mrs. Rivington D. Lord, 593 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., president of this branch.



Mrs. Elizabeth Liebhart has written Sunshine letters. A roll of STARS, with postage stamps for mailing, from a member. Mrs. J. E. Boncher, shut-in, sent helpful poems and is always doing kind acts. Greetings from Mrs. F. L. Strout. Interesting letter from Mrs. Weymouth Johnson. Mrs. Julia Traver of New York has sent large bundles of silk pieces, and many other good cheer deeds. Miss Lina M. Williams is cheering others by writing I. S. S. letters. Miss Katie A. McGrath is also cheering others by letters and greetings.

Mrs. Frances Herbert, nee Judd, of Oakland, California, has sent the President a thrilling description of scenes in San Francisco after the terrible earthquake, and pieces of paper from the Court House, as souvenirs. Since her last letter she has been married, so good wishes and congratulations are in order. She writes, "I wish to do Sunshine work whenever there is any to do, just the same as before."

Miss Bessie May Blood, a Junior member, sent a number of scripture cards.

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Ashton, who has been a faithful I. S. S. member, one of whose sunny acts has been a HELPER subscription each year, recently passed away. We will all want to extend our sympathy to her sister, Mrs. W. L. Dow, who is also an earnest member.

Miss Callie M. Weeks of East Parsonsfield, Maine, desires to thank the members of the Sunshine Band for many cards which she has received and also those sisters who have sent her letters and pictures.

Mrs. May Kemp has written Sunshine letters and sent souvenir postal cards. She will have the quilt for Blind Babies' Home ready to send when it is wanted in the fall, and would like to thank those sisters who sent pieces but did not give their addresses. She sent Sunday School papers to an Orphan Asylum. She would be glad to hear from any Sunshine worker and may be addressed at R. F. D. No. 2, Montpelier, Vt., Box 52.

Mrs. Angie P. Stearns sent 20 cents in stamps and is doing Sunshine deeds as she has opportunity, among them, making garments for a little girl who has no mother.

Mrs. L. E. Hodgdon of North Berwick, Maine, sent a number of leaflets and has passed on a book of poems and some verses to a shut-in friend. She sent for enrollment, the name of Mrs. Martha A. Hoyt, 53 Prospect St., Somersworth, N. H. Another new member is Mrs. C. S. Sayler of Burke, South Dakota, who sent 25 cents.

Miss Ruby E. Moulton sent 10 cents for Sunshine work and reported sending a box of May-flowers.

"Lend a hand!" like the sun
That turns night into morn,
The moon that drives
Storm-driven sailors to land.
Ah, life were worth living,
With this for the watchword,
Look up—out and forward,
And each lend a hand!

—Selected.

Practical Christian Living

"We should not be satisfied with a religion in the *mind* of man, but should have something that we continually give vital expression to in our daily life."



OUR QUIET HOUR

(10 A. M.)

. . . The greater the tumult in which we live and the noise which fills the air of our time, the greater need of inward peace and the habit of quiet thought. Never was greater need than at present of what used to be called "the habit of prayer." Methods, forms, times, language change, man's need of companionship with God does not change. It may or may not have been easier to keep one's self consciously in His presence when the world was less crowded and noisy; it is certain that in no age has there been deeper need of that consciousness. Secret places, closets, altars, may help concentration of attention by shutting out the world; but a man may pray as devoutly in the streets of a great city as in the silence of a cathedral. Since God is everywhere, He may be found wherever man needs His presence and help. It is as easy to live habitually in His presence as in the presence of the ideas and thoughts which constantly absorb us....Prayer is not the only form of communion with the Father of our souls; habitual thought of Him in the sense of looking at life in the light of what seem to be His purposes, thinking of our own lives in the light of what we believe He would have them become, of our duties, responsibilities, opportunities, in the light of the great thought of immortality, may become the highest kind of prayer. To think of God in a moment of temptation is to ask His aid; to think of Him in a moment of happiness is to thank Him. Burns was sorrowful because he could not "pour out his inmost soul without reserve to any human being, without danger of one day repenting his confidence," and kept a journal as a substitute for a friend who could be implicitly trusted. More men than the world knows of have found such a friend and are living a life of peace and rest in His companionship in an age which is tossed like

the sea, and among men whose spirits rise and fall with the incoming and outgoing of the daily tides. It was of this kind of prayer that Jeremy Taylor wrote: "Prayer is the peace of our spirit, the stillness of our thoughts, the evenness of our recollection, the seat of our meditation, the rest of our cares, the calm of our tempest. Prayer is the issue of a quiet mind, of untroubled thoughts."—Extracts from "A Secret of Quietness" in *The Outlook*.

TOPICS FOR 1906-1907

- October—Roll-call and Membership.**
- November—The Island World:**
 - 1. The Society, Hervey, Astral and Pearl Islands.
 - 2. Samoa, Tonga and Micronesia.
 - 3. The Hawaiian Islands.
- December—Prayer and Praise.**
- January—Our Missions at Home.**
- February—Missions at Home.**
- March—Our Missions at Home.**
- April—Fiji, The New Hebrides and Melanesia.**
- May—Thank-Offering.**
- June—New Zealand, New Guinea and Malaysia.**
- July—The Philippines.**
- August—Missionary Field Day.**
- September—Native Christians, Their Work and Gifts.**

We have often to travel solitary ways. Some of us have perplexed paths to tread. Some of us have sad memories of times when we journeyed in company with those who will never share our tent or counsel our steps any more, and, as we sit lonely by our watch-fire in the wilderness, we have aching hearts and silent nights. Some of us may be as yet rich in companions and helpers whose words are wisdom, whose wishes are love to us, and may tremble to think that after a while they or we shall have to tramp on by ourselves. There is a presence which never departs, which moves before us as we journey and hovers over us as a shield when we rest; a cloud to veil the sun that it smite us not by day, and pillar of flame as the night falls, being ever brightest when we need it most, and burning clearest of all in the valley at the end, where its guidance will only cease, because then "the Lamb that is in the midst of the throne will lead them."—*Alexander MacLaren.*

"He who seeks easy things will never make much of his life."

Juniors

MY GIFT FOR MISSIONS

Sing a song of sixpence,
A pocket full of dimes,
Shall I spend them on myself,
To help me have good times?
Not while many girls and boys
In far-off heathen lands
Have no chance to know of Christ,
And learn the King's commands.

I think I'll give for missions
At least one dime in ten;
Then, if for funds you're lacking,
Just call on me again.

—Selected.

JUNIOR PROGRAM

SUBJECT—Some Other Missions in Africa. (Young Explorers in Africa, Chapter V.)

SINGING—"Opening Hymn." See Missionary Songs and Hymns for Children,"* page 2).

SCRIPTURE LESSON—Matt. 28:16—20.

RESPONSIVE READING—July HELPER, page 221.

SINGING—"The Lord's Prayer." (Missionary Songs and Hymns.)

PRAYER.

THE LESSON—(Make this a "story telling" lesson, using map and pictures. Three of the older children should be prepared to tell the three stories. Previously give out one question—see list at close of Chapter V—to each Junior.)

FIRST STORY: How the Glen of Baboons Changed Its Name.

SECOND STORY: A Letter from Totosy.

THIRD STORY: The Uganda Mission.

SINGING—"Little Workers." (Missionary Songs, etc., page 4).

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

RECITATION—"My Gift for Missions."

OFFERING.

CLOSING SONG.

*"Missionary Songs and Hymns for Children" can be obtained for 10 cents of Mrs A D Chapman, 12 Prescott street, Lewiston, Maine

AN AFRICAN HOME

A missionary writes to the *King's Messenger*: "Shall I tell you about a hut I visited one day? Well, as I went to the door I saw three or four children, with little or no clothing on, playing outside. The mother came to the door and asked me to come in, so I crawled in. It was so dark I could scarcely see at first. There are no windows in a hut. There were no chairs, so I took a seat on the floor. I heard a baby crying but I could not see it anywhere. Finally, I saw it was strapped to its mother's back, where she carried it all day long. I asked her what she was doing. She said she was about to cook dinner, but I did not see any stove. I watched to see where she would cook it. She made a fire right in the middle of the mud floor, and set a pot over it in which to make some porridge. How it did smoke! There was no chimney, so what smoke could not get out at the door had to stay in. Think of it! No windows, no chairs, no chimney, but darkness."

FUNNY FASHIONS IN AFRICA

BY MISS JULIA F. WINTER, MT. SILINDA.

My second school term has just come to an end. I had closing exercises for the children, a thrilling occasion to them, full of mingled delight and fear, for it was their first experience of this kind. "We shall die of fear," said the little girls; "we can never go up there in front, with all the people, and *Fundisi*,* and the *Amakosikazi*,* and the big boys looking right at us." I had some difficulty in teaching them to stand properly, for all the girls wanted to turn their faces to the wall and hold their hands over their mouths, while the boys preferred to stand on one foot and swing the other, as a sort of safety valve to their feelings. I was worried about one little fellow because he had worn out all his clothes, and I was afraid that he would appear on the platform that way. So I called up his older brother and told him that he must see that Ndofeni had some clothes on the next day. When the time arrived Ndofeni appeared in a borrowed drape about his waist and an old, very much mended vest which was the property and the sole upper garment of his brother Zinyanadzo, who generously went without for the honor of the family. All the others were dressed, though the styles varied from white "store" suits, accompanied

*"Fundisi" means "teacher"; "Amakosikazi" means "chieftoness"

with high collars and neckties, and prettily made gingham dresses, to drapes of all descriptions, colors and degrees of dinginess. But cleanliness was universal, a cheap luxury which, however, is often secured only by the expenditure of considerable nervous force. Some of the little ones recited Psalms and told Bible stories in Zulu. The little fellow in the old vest related the story of Esther at great length and with as much easy grace as if he had been attired in the latest Silinda fashion.—*Mission Dayspring.*

Contributions

F. B. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Receipts for June, 1906

MAINE

Aroostook Q. M. Aux. Coll.	\$ 6 25
Atkinson Aux., $\frac{1}{2}$ H. M.: $\frac{1}{2}$ F. M.	4 25
Bath North St. Aux., T. O., \$10.80 for Miss Coombs sal'y and L. M. Me. Soc'y of Mrs. Richards.	10 80
Biddeford, Rev W. Davis, 1 sh MISSIONARY HELPER	3 00
Bowdoinham Ridge C. R.	60
Bowdoinham Ridge Aux. T. O. (\$19.19 in all) bal. L. M. Mrs. Hattie G. P. Frost (\$11.61 toward L. M.) Mrs. Emily Kendall.	14 19
Blaine Ch. Mrs. Mary Young, dues	1 00
Cape Elizabeth Aux. T. O. gen. wk	15 50
Caribon by Mrs. A. W. Braden dues	1 00
Cumberland Conference, Miss Coombs	9 75
Charleston Aux.	1 25
Dexter Aux. T. O. \$15.50; dues \$7.00	22 50
E. Livermore W. M. S. (T. O.) \$6.00; \$3.75 to com. L. M. Mrs. Hattie B. Grose; \$2.25 L. M. Mrs. Hannah Lyford; \$1.25 Miss Coombs' sal'y	7 25
E. Raymond Ch. T. O. India wk	8 70
E. Raymond Aux. Miss Coombs	1 00
E. Waterboro Ch.	1 36
Grey Aux. T. O. Miss Coombs	3 00
Greene Aux. for Miss Coombs	2 20
Island Falls, T. O.	10 00
Lewiston, Main St. Int. & Primary Dpts. for Miss Barnes	8 00
Lisbon Aux. T. O.	16 82
Milton Mills Aux. T. O. \$31.80	42 03
Milo Aux. for nat. teacher	6 25
No. Berwick, 1st Ch. T. O. \$1.65; C. R. \$1.80	3 45
Pittsfield Aux. \$6.25 for "Nettie;" \$20.00 for dues	26 25
Steep Falls (\$9.25 Mary Wingate S. O., \$3.36 Storer T. O.) C. R. \$1.00; A. L. B. 68c	14 39
Sebec & Exeter Conf. Aux.	16 75
Scarboro Aux. T. O. for nat. teach. "Elizabeth"	5 00

Wells Mills, T. O. India	75
W. Kennebunk T. O.	5 00
W. Lebanon Aux. for Miss Coombs	7 84
Wells Branch Aux. T. O.	12 40

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Alton Aux. T. O.	\$ 9 25
Ashland Aux. school in India	8 00
Bristol Aux. girl in S. O.	12 50
Danville Aux. T. O.	26 00
E. Corinth, Me. Mrs. W. L. Phillips, T. O.	1 50
Effingham Falls Aux., \$5.00 Storer; \$5.00 Miss Butts; \$1.25 gen. wk; (T. O. \$7.00)	11 25
Franklin Falls Aux. T. O. \$9.30; Gen. Fund \$4.16	13 46
Gonic C. E., Almy Seavey in S. O.	6 25
Gilmanton I. wk., Mrs. J. C. Osgood \$1.00; S. S. \$2.00	3 00
Hampton Aux., Miss Butts sal'y	5 00
Jackson Aux.	50
Laconia Aux. \$15.10; A. L. B. for Miss Barnes \$4.00; C. R. \$4.00	22 10
Littleton Ch. \$2.00; a friend \$1.00; ch. \$3.00	6 00
Loudon, Mrs. Wiggin for P. M. F.	50
Leighton's Corner	50
Manchester Aux. T. O. on L. M. Flora M. Walker \$12.50; C. R. \$10.00; from Jap. Festival \$5.00	27 50
Manchester Jun. C. E. for Miss Barnes	4 00
Meredith C. R.	4 35
Meredith Village Aux. (T. O. \$8.60)	14 60
New Market Aux.	15 00
New Durham Q. M. mem'l Of. for wk. India	100 00
So. Barrington Aux.	5 50
So. Berwick (T. O. \$6.50)	10 00
Somersworth, $\frac{1}{2}$ Miss Dawson: $\frac{1}{2}$ Miss Sims (T. O.)	15 00
Whitefield Aux.	20 00
Wolfboro Q. M. Coll.	1 15
Wentworth, Mrs. H. Chase dues	1 00
Sale Sinclair Mem'l's	60
A friend	1 00

NOTE—The money from London, N. H. Ch. in May constitutes Mrs. Lizzie A. Sanborn L. M.; T.-Offerings of Epsom, N. H. Aux. constitutes Mrs. R. W. Henth L. M.; the T. O. of Danville, N. H. Aux. constitutes Miss Lillie M. Elkins a L. M.

VERMONT

Enosburgh Falls for Dr. Smith	\$ 7 20
Orange Co. Asso. W. M. S. for Dr. Smith	3 34
Sutton Aux. \$1.50; T. O. \$12.57; Jrs. 43c for Dr. Smith	14 50
W. Corinth Ch. for Dr. Smith	4 80
Wheeler Asso. W. M. S	4 10
A friend	1 00

MASSACHUSETTS

Haverhill Aux. (T. O. \$25.00) L. M. of Mrs. H. C. Lowden and on L. M. Mrs. A. N. Boston	\$33 00
Lowell, Paige St. Aux. for nat. teach (T.O.)	8 00
Lowell, Chelmsford St. C. R. \$8.00; Bal. T. O. \$1.00	9 00
Lynn Aux. for nat. teacher	6 25
Roxbury, Miss Susanna Wyman for Susan Adelaide Porter Mem'l Fund	20 00
Somerville Aux. S. S. \$19.00; T. O. \$7.00	26 00

RHODE ISLAND

Arlington Aux. (T. O.) Ind	\$ 9 63
Carolina Aux. (T. O. \$18.00)	24 00
E. Killingly Aux. T. O. \$7.50	11 50
E. Killingly Aux. T. O., K. W	7 50
Greenville Aux. T. O. Ind. to make Mrs. G. B. Cutler L. M. in gen. soc'y	20 00
No. Taunton Aux. Ind	8 00
Pascoag Aux. Ind	5 00
Pawtucket Aux. T. O. Ind	62 00
(The following persons are made L. M.'s by T. O.:—Mrs. Lydia B. Trumbull, 22 Fountain St., Pawtucket, R. I.; Mrs. Sarah D. Harrington, So. Attleboro, Mass.; Mrs. M. Annie Arnold, 32 Clay St., Pawtucket, R. I.	
Pawtucket, 1st F. B. Ch. Jr. C. E. for children's kindergarten wk. in India	10 00
Providence, Rog. Wms. Ch. Jr. C. E. for K. W	12 50
Providence, Rog. Wms. Aux. T. O. Ind. \$12.90; Aux. T. O. K. W. \$12.90	25 80
Providence, Elmwood Ave. S. School K. W. \$25.00; Aux. T. O. \$24.33; Aux. \$12.00 Ind	61 33
Warwick Central Aux. Ind	2 50

CONNECTICUT

Durham, Mrs. C. P. Griffin, T. O	\$ 5 00
NEW YORK	

Gibson Q. M. for nat. teacher	\$ 4 25
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PENNSYLVANIA

Tioga Co., Q. M. W. M. S. for Bible woman \$25 00	
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OHIO

Conneant Ch	\$ 2 50
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FORM OF BEQUEST

I give and bequeath the sum of —— to the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, a corporation of the State of Maine.

ILLINOIS

Pleasant View, F. B. S. S. for Miss Barnes \$ 2 00	
Urbana, Mrs. A. S. Smith	1 50

MICHIGAN

Battle Creek, Mrs. Harriet Phillips Stone, Dr. Smith \$10.00; Miss Dawson \$10.00; HELPER \$3.00; Passage \$2.00	\$25 00
Gobleville Aux. T. O	2 00
Cooks Prairie Aux. T. O., F. M. (75c bal. L. M. of Mrs. Theo. Cook, Eckford, Mich.; \$5.00 to be applied on L. M. of Mrs. Electa Wright, Homer, Mich.)	5 75
Litchfield Aux. (T. O.) gen. fund. \$3.00 Bal. on L. M. of Mrs. Anna Eggleston, Hillsdale, Mich., \$10.00 to be applied on L. M. of Mrs. Emma Cobb, Litchfield, Mich	13 00

WISCONSIN

Rosendale Center Ch., Young People for Miss Barnes	\$ 4 00
From a friend of Wisconsin for F. M. \$7.00; Storer College \$7.00; and 75c	14 75

MINNESOTA

Brainard W. M. S., ½ F. M.; ½ H. M	\$10 00
Champlin, Storer T. O	5 00
Granada, Ira Clynick for girl, S. O	25 00
Huntley F. B. Ch. W. M. S. (\$14.00 T. O.)	23 00
Minneapolis, Marion Louise Grow, C. R	45
Minnesota Y. M. W. M. S	2 80
Nashville Aux. \$11.10 T. O.; \$18.00; ½ H. M.; ½ F. M	29 10
Poplar Grove W. M. S. (\$7.23 T. O.)	12 50
Verona Miss. Soc'y, T. O. for F. M	5 60
Winnebago Q. M. W. M. S	2 50

IOWA

Little Cedar C. R. Roland and Mary Elizabeth Reeves	\$ 1 00
Spencer W. M. S. for Miss Scott's sal'y	26 45

KANSAS

Horton Aux. (\$1.00 T. O)	\$ 7 00
Jamestown C. R. Boxes	5 88

NOVA SCOTIA

Yarmouth, Miss. M. S. Oram T. O	\$ 1 00
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NEW BRUNSWICK

Newtown Mission Band for Miss E. Barnes \$ 8 00	
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MISCELLANEOUS

Income for Inc. Fund	\$ 9 72
Income of Working Capital for Inc. Fund	13 16
Income Curtis Fund for Inc. Fund	25 00
Income of Sinking Fund	5 00
Income Hanson Fund for School, India	10 00

Total	\$1,364 90
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LAURA A. DEMERITTE, Treas.

Ocean Park, Me.

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